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## (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Berkeley – UC Berkeley Student Confirmed Dead in France Attack

(U) Nicolas Leslie, the 20-year-old UC Berkeley student from Del Mar who had been missing since last week's terrorist attack in Nice, France, was among those killed in the assault, university officials said yesterday. Leslie's family, school friends, French authorities and US diplomatic officials had been searching for him frantically in the days since a truck was driven through a large crowd of Bastille Day revelers, killing 84 people and injuring more than 200. He had gone to the promenade to watch fireworks.

SOURCE: 17 July 2016, The San Diego Union-Tribune

#### (U) Big Sur – Deputies Discover Panga Boat on Beach

(U) Last Thursday, deputies with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office responded to a beach south of Big Sur when a caller saw three subjects and thought something wasn't right. When deputies arrived, they found about 35 bales of marijuana. There is no word on how much the estimated 875 pounds of marijuana is worth. The Sheriff's Office has been working with the Department of Homeland Security and the US Coast Guard.

SOURCE: 17 July 2016, KION 5

#### (U) Foresthill - Cal Fire Arrests Drone Pilot for Flying near Trailhead Fire

(U) For the first time, Cal Fire law enforcement officers have arrested a man accused of interfering with firefighting operations with a drone. Eric Wamser of Foresthill was arrested Friday for allegedly flying his unmanned hobby aircraft over the Trailhead Fire. The incident reportedly forced firefighters to ground aircraft rather than risk a collision, according to a statement from Cal Fire spokesperson Daniel Berlant. SOURCE: 15 July 2016, CBS Sacramento

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arizona - Police Find Bombs in Arizona Home of Dead Man Blamed in Nevada Blasts

(U) Phoenix – Police in Arizona have uncovered a cache of explosives and make-shift bombs in the mobile home belonging to the car bomb suspect killed last week in rural Nevada, when the device he was carrying in his vehicle detonated, authorities said on Friday. Glenn Jones, described by Nevada authorities as a disgruntled former hospital worker, was believed responsible for two bomb blasts on Wednesday night that rocked the community of Panaca in southeastern Nevada, near the Utah border. One bomb went off in the car Jones was driving, killing him, and a second device exploded at a nearby home, damaging the residence, but authorities said there were no other serious injuries. SOURCE: 15 July 2016, Reuters

## (U) Louisiana – Three Officers Killed, Three Injured in Ambush

(U) Baton Rouge – At least three Baton Rouge police officers were killed and three others injured yesterday morning, the city's mayor and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office said. At least one suspect is dead. Law enforcement officials initially said they believed that two other suspects were at

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large, but at a news conference yesterday afternoon officials said the deceased suspect was likely the only shooter. A senior law enforcement official said the suspect wore black fatigues and was armed with a rifle.

SOURCE: 17 July 2016, NBC News

## (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Israel - Palestinian Carrying Explosives Arrested at Train Station

(U) Jerusalem – A Palestinian man carrying pipe bombs and knives in his bag was arrested at a light railway station in Jerusalem during the morning rush hour yesterday, Israeli police said. "The plan was apparently to attack the light railway," the Jerusalem police chief said in a statement. An armed station security officer became suspicious of the man, a resident of the occupied West Bank aged in his 20s. He stopped the Palestinian at gunpoint and searched his bag on a busy central Jerusalem street at the start of the Israeli workweek.

SOURCE: 17 July 2016, Reuters

## (U) Mali – Al-Qa'ida Reports Death of Commander

(U) Bamako – A group that monitors online extremist activity says al-Qa'ida's North Africa branch has reported the death of a commander in Mali. The SITE Intelligence Group yesterday quoted a statement from al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb saying Abu Bakr al-Shinqiti was killed during a raid on a Malian army barracks near the border with Burkina Faso. Northern Mali was occupied in 2012 by al-Qa'ida and other jihadist groups before a French-led military operation drove them from cities and towns. SOURCE: 17 July 2016, Associated Press

#### (U) Turkey - Turkish Government Cracks Down After Coup Attempt; 6000 Detained

(U) Ankara – The Turkish government accelerated its crackdown on alleged plotters of the failed coup against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, with the justice minister saying yesterday that 6,000 people had been detained in the investigation, including three of the country's top generals and hundreds of soldiers. The botched coup, which saw warplanes fly over key government installations and tanks roll up in major cities, ended hours later when loyal government forces regained control of the military and civilians took to the streets in support of Erdogan.

SOURCE: 17 July 2016, Associated Press

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